ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A system and method for managing persistent objects with a persistent object framework is disclosed. The persistent object framework receives queries and instructions from an application for data from the persistent objects. The persistent objects are stored in data sources, such as databases or repositories. The persistent object framework may create, save, update, access, search, and delete persistent objects. Further, the persistent object framework caches applicable persistent objects for the application. The persistent object framework provides the caching for the persistent objects. The persistent object framework supports both Lightweight Directory Access Protocol and relational databases.

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